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PSC TO HOLD HEARING WEDNESDAY ON MPC'S PLAN
TO OFFER PROPANE SERVICE IN TOWNSEND

Montana Power Company's proposal to offer propane vapor service in
Townsend will be
the subject of hearings to be conducted Wednesday in Townsend by the Public
Service
Commission. The hearings will be held at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. at the
Townsend Community
Library's community room, 201 North Spruce.

Said Commissioner Bob Anderson, "The PSC wants to make sure that this
project will be
self sufficient and will not be supported by other customers of the company.
So, we need to
know how much support there is in the community for the service at these
prices."

The PSC approved MPC's proposed rates last October on a temporary basis,
pending
outcome of the public hearings. MPC proposes to charge \$7.94 per dekatherm
for the service,
plus a monthly service charge of \$4.30 for customers served by a 1/2-inch
service line and \$10.20
for customers using a 1-inch service line. The company also wants the
flexibility to adjust the
base rate up to plus or minus 10 percent.

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